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26 July 1950

MEMO FOR ADSO FILES

SUBJECT: Outline of the Commo Situation

1. Reference is made to the unsigned memorandum, subject as above, dated 3 July 1950, which was handed to the ADSO by the ADPC on 4 July 1950. Paragraph 10 of reference recommends that certain corrective action be taken, and in accordance therewith the following comments keyed to such recommendations are noted for the file:

Re 10.a.—It is believed that the present Chief, Communications Division is definitely qualified to discharge all the duties and responsibilities currently inherent in his present position or those that might develop as a result of war-time conditions.

Re 10.b.—Action has been taken to strengthen the headquarters staff of the Communications Division as recommended by the establishment of two Special Assistant positions at the GS-15 level, which has been done. In addition thereto, steps have been taken to procure the services of [redacted] as a Special Assistant at the GS-15 level. [redacted] was interviewed by the ADSO and the EXO on 22 July and action was initiated on 25 July to expedite his security clearance and early employment on a career basis. Action was also initiated on 26 July to procure the services of [redacted] as a Special Consultant to the Chief, Communications Division, for detail to OPC, to assist in the planning and implementation of the OPC communications program. Other candidates are also under consideration for employment in the additional Special Assistant position.

Re 10.c.—The EXO has discussed the Communications space problem with the Chief, SSS, the Acting Executive, CIA, and with [redacted] of the Management Office with a view to obtaining adequate space at the earliest possible moment.

Re 10.d.—A meeting was held between the EXO, the Chief, SSS, [redacted] of the Management Office, and [redacted] Chief, Communications on 20 July with a view to determining the urgent and precise communications personnel requirements. It was agreed that OSO would make additional slots available on unvouchered funds to meet immediate requirements which are now being established by the Management Officer. The Chief, SSS agreed that he would

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undertake action to have personnel transferred to Communications from elsewhere in CIA to meet the above-mentioned urgent requirements and he further agreed that recruitment priorities would be granted if required.

Re 10.e.--It is agreed that training facilities to meet present and approved requirements will be granted to the limit of space availability.

Re 10.f.--It is agreed that the recently approved Overseas Communications Plan should be reviewed and, if necessary, changes made to accelerate the development program in the light of recent developments and the highly critical character of the international situation. It is believed, however, that such a review should be conducted by the Joint Communications Board and recommendations made to ADPC and ADSO.

FOR THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR SPECIAL OPERATIONS:



Executive Officer



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